Differences regarding destruction of Ozone Layer in Environment Minister's Conferences

131. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sharp differences arose at the Conferences of Environment Ministers of 100 countries held recently at Montreal and London, about the measures to be taken to prevent the destruction of the Ozone Layer of the earth's atmosphere about the speed for the phasing out of chlofluorocarbons (CFCS); and

(b) if so, what were main differences and what was the Indian view in this regard and what impact this view had on the consensus reached at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The second meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held at London from 27-29 June 1990. The Parties undertook negotiations for revising the time-table for speedy reduction and eventual elimination of major ozone depleting substances. While some countries were for speedy elimination of these substances, others preferred a more gradual approach. India had no objection to the final compromise arrived at. Secondly, there was a difference of opinion between the developing and the developed countries regarding transfer of technology through appropriate financial mechanisms to enable developing countries to switch over to environmentally safer substances. India's stand was that the implementation of the measures for switch over to ozone safe technologies by the developing countries would depend upon the provision of adequate financial assistances and the transfer of substitute technologies, to these countries. India's stand was largely accepted at the Conference.

अन्तरिक्ष स्थित प्रक्षेपास्त्र प्रणाली का विकास

132. कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अंतरिक्ष स्थित प्रक्षेपास्त्र प्रणाली विकसित करने का कोई कार्यक्रम है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी रूपरेखा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि "पृथ्वी" और "त्रिशूल" प्रक्षेपास्त्र इसी शृंखला की कड़ियां हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. राजा रमन्ना) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं, "पृथ्वी" और "त्रिशूल" भूमि से मार करने वाले प्रक्षेपास्त्र हैं और इनका विकास "एकीकृत निर्देशित प्रक्षेपास्त्र विकास कार्यक्रम" के अंतर्गत किया जा रहा है ।

World Environment Day Celebrations

133. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the programmes launched in connection with the celebration of 'World Environment Day' in June this year;

(b) whether programme for afforestation of ARAVALI range was one such programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken so far in pursuance thereof?